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Letter to the Editor

"Edgehill" Route 1
Gladstone, Va.
December 4, 1975

Editor
Times Virginian
Appomattox, Va.
Dear Sir:

On November 13th I submitted a petition bearing 1615 signatures of citizens from six counties and the city of Lynchburg asking that Virginia Fibre be required to cease and desist in the emission of noxious odors and fumes. These petitions, that represent the feelings of a large number of people, were presented to the State Air Pollution Control Board.

It is impossible for persons who live in areas only slightly affected to understand the intensity of this objectionable odor. Only until you have been unable to sleep for several successive nights, due to the odor, and until your beloved home has become so malodourous you seek to escape from it, can you realize the extent of the suffering of the people who live in the area of Riverville.

No one is opposed to industry per se. However, I would hope that those groups that seek industry would use some judicious discretion in their search. It may well be that by its odorous emissions Virginia Fibre has ruined Amherst County's chance of ever securing desirable industry that would be beneficial yet not harmful to the county.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Mary Sue Dulin

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The Bible speaks very plainly when it says that to be carnal minded is death. That applies to nations as well as to individuals. I wish there was some way to get people to read their Bibles to see what happens to men and nations when they have forgotten God until his Spirit takes flight from them. The Bible tells of a time when men will be given to strong delusions that they may believe a lie, that they may be damned.

I wonder how many people have ever given the least thought to where or how the gentiles originated. All of the fight about integration has been just to promote race mixing.

It seems to me that anybody with any common sense could see that our government can't keep on adding new departments and heaping up more and more debts; there must come a day of reckoning. I can very well remember the time when the entire amount required to run our government was less than the interest on what we now owe. I wonder how long the people who work to support themselves will be willing to continue to pay taxes to run a government the way ours is being run. I am opposed to any help for New York City. It seems to me that this city is doing what the Bible describes as "perishing in their own corruption". If federal aid is given to New York City, other cities will soon follow.

If we count the number of people in churches on Sunday morning, then count the number at a horse race or a big ball game, we can see just how carnal minded people are. Following the carnal and forgetting God could be the reason for people's sorrows. If we only look back in past history, we can see that great men and great nations have fallen at a time when they thought they had things going their own way. There comes a time for both men and nations when it is too late to repent. Let us hope that it is not already too late for this nation.

Very truly yours,
F. G. Lyon
322 East Jarrettsville Road
Forest Hill, Maryland
21050

Pamplin

The Pamplin Chapter of AARP will meet Thurs., Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pamplin United Methodist Church. A covered dish dinner will be served, following the dinner Mr. W. L. Akers of Roanoke, Regional Director of AARP will assist in installation of officers. The fellowship will be a Christmas party.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Clarence Lee.

Mrs. J.W.D. Canada after being a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital is at the home of her daughter in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shorter and Tina have returned to their home in Darlington Heights after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill in Princeton, W. Va.

Mr. Brett Watson, of Greenville, N.C., spent the week end at his home in Darlington Heights.

Be extra Careful with matches and campfires!

The Pastor Speaks

THE PASTOR SPEAKS
I Will Come Again And Receive You Unto Myself

Just as John the Baptist preached repentence in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way for the first coming of Jesus, so will the children of God preach repentence in the spirit and power of Elijah in preparation for the second coming of Jesus. Just as John the Baptist had a message a message from the old testament, (Isaiah 40:3-5) so will the children of God in last days have a specific message from the scriptures.

Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

You can find that gospel message spelled out word for word in Revelation 14:6-12. There John sees in prophetic vision an angel flying in the middle of the sky having the "everlasting gospel" to preach to every creature on earth. When this message has accomplished its task, then Jesus is seen coming to harvest the world at His second advent.

What is the "everlasting gospel"? It is the invitation to accept the righteousness of Christ by faith and by faith to keep the commandments of GOD as the fruit of salvation, not the root of salvation. The first of three angels puts it this way, saying with a loud voice, **"Fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgement is come; and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."**

The call to fear GOD, is the invitation to keep the first commandment and have no other gods before Him. (ep Mt. 4:8-10 & Dt. 6:13). The call to give Glory, is the invitation to keep the second commandment which forbids the worship of graven images, and all types of idolatry. (ep. Isa. 42:8). The announcement that there is a judgement going on in heaven before Jesus comes again is an invitation to keep the third commandment and not take the name of the Lord in vain, because Who wants to have guilt in the day of judgement. The fourth call to "worship Him who made" is an invitation to keep the fourth commandment on the Sabbath day.

Here is the patience of the saints; Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Rev. 14:12

Hans Varmer
Pastor
Appomattox Seventh-Day
Adventist Church

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments By Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For December 14, 1975

TOPIC: Matthew and the Messiah

Scripture: Matthew 12:15-21; 13:34-35; 21:1-5

All this has taken place that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Matthew 26:56

Writing primarily for Jewish readers (though not to limit the message and benefits of the gospel to them), Matthew presents Jesus as fulfilling Old Testament prophecies. For the writer of this Gospel, it was necessary to identify Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah who had for so long been promised to Israel in order to establish Him as the Savior of mankind. As one reads the Gospel According to Matthew, he is impressed by the number of Old Testament passages, some 50 in all, which are quoted as being fulfilled in Jesus. Matthew explains as the motivation for certain acts and actions "that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

In Matthew's Gospel the reader finds Jesus strongly linked with Israel's past. At the beginning is a genealogical chart showing Jesus' descent from David and Abraham. If one objects that the genealogy is that of Joseph, it should be remembered that in the thought and custom of that day the genealogy of the adoptive or putative father was as much that of the son as if it were the son's by blood.

God had chosen the people Israel in their ancestor Abraham to prepare the world spiritually for the coming of the Savior. In later centuries, especially after the nation had fallen upon evil times and was the pawn or the victim of greater powers, the concept of a coming Savior was tied up into the promise by the prophets that God would send to Israel Messiah-The Annointed One-to redeem them. In popular imagination Messiah would be an earthly king, to restore the temporal kingdom to Israel and overthrow the overlords. But Messiah was also portrayed as Suffering Servant, Matthew presents Jesus as fulfilling both portrayals.

In Matthew's view all of Israel's history, law, and prophecy come to focus in Jesus. He it is for whom all the nation's past has been preparation. In identifying Jesus as Messiah, Matthew saw Him as the realization of the people's hopes for deliverance which were then burning more fervently than ever. The century of independence under the Maccabees had ended some 60 years before the birth of Christ, with the capture of Jerusalem by the Roman general Pompey. Julius Caesar had appointed Antipater procurator, but the Parthians captured Jerusalem and Antipater was assassinated. The Parthians made Antigonus, the Maccabee, king. About the same time the Roman Senate appointed Herod king of Judea, and he recaptured Jerusalem, put Antigonus to death, and assumed the rule, under the Roman protection and authority. When the prospect was darkest, when oppression was severe, when the outlook for independence was bleakest, hope that Messiah would quickly come sustained the despairing Jews.

If Matthew wrote his Gospel before the Jews rose in that desperate revolt against Rome which resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem, he wrote for a people agitated and desperate. If he wrote after Jerusalem was laid waste, the Jews were in an even worse plight. In either case, Jesus had come, and Matthew saw Him as Messiah, the hope of Israel. So he presents Jesus to his fellow Jews dispersed throughout the western world as the One who could redeem the still desperate Israel. And not only Israel, but all the world, for Matthew saw the world in as desperate a plight as Jewry and he was imbued with the spirit and the viewpoint of the Old Testament prophets who saw that God's message was for all mankind.

In linking Jesus with Israel's past, Matthew was not unique in the early Church. Other examples are Peter's sermon at Pentecost, Stephen's defense before the Sanhedrin, Philip's discourse to the Ethiopian, Paul's sermon in Antioch of Pisidia, the Letter to the Hebrews. This was the persuasive argument to the Jews, that Jesus was He to whom all Israel's past lead.

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Massachusetts, who have now had a longer experience than others, that generally seem to be confronted with the critical problem of rising insurance costs. This seems to bear out a recent Allstate Insurance Company study which indicates that even greater premium costs will be confronting the consumer public, and motorists everywhere, should Federal "no-fault" legislation now pending in the United States Congress be enacted.

The Committee spokesman commented further that Virginia's cautious and considered approach to the problems in this State, despite mounting pressure from media sources, seems to have been a keen exercise of legislative wisdom. Continued caution and study now seems warranted, especially in light of those problems arising in other so-called "no-fault" states, as the Virginia General Assembly prepares to convene in January, he said.

Cannan Baptist

Prayer Service - Wed., Dec. 10 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13 - 7:30 p.m.

Business Church meeting - All members please attend to make plans for 1976.

Regular preaching service, Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11:30 a.m. Rev. C. L. Elliott, pastor in charge of service. The Canaan Echoes will furnish the music. Communion will be served.

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